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ITEM 59(E) UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (UNFPA) -
A/C.2/31/L.60

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1. SUMMARY: AFTER FIRST ACCEPTING TWO ORAL AMENDMENTS PUT FORWARD BY THE FILIPINO DELEGATION IN INTRODUCING THE RESOLUTION, THE SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE PHILIPPINE DRAFT WITHOUT A VOTE ON DECEMBER 3. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TWO AMENDMENTS ANNOUNCED BY THE PHILIPPINES IN THE NAME OF THE SEVENTEEN CO-SPONSORS WERE TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS SIX AND SEVEN. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SIX NOW READS:

"6. RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND FOR PURPOSES OF CONTINUITY OF THE PROGRAMME, NORMALLY BE APPOINTED FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM;" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SEVEN, THE PHRASE "ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS" WAS INSERTED AFTER THE WORD "COOPERATION" IN THE FIRST LINE.

3. AFTER ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BY THE COMMITTEE, STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE FRENCH AND SRI LANKAN DELEGATES. THE FRENCH DELEGATE SAID HER DELEGATION UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PROVISION IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SEVEN URGING FULL COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND AND THE UNDP

ADMINISTRATOR DID NOT CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE FUND DIRECTOR VIS-A-VIS THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR. THE SRI LANKAN DELEGATE SAID THAT THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ON THE APPLICATION OF CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES SHOULD NOT DISRUPT PROGRAMMES ALREADY UNDER WAY OR PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A REPORT ON THE SUBJECT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR DETAILED STUDY.

4. COMMENT: USUN HAS SPOKEN WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UNFPA (SALAS) AND UNDP (ROTHERMEL AND BOURGOIS) SINCE THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN ORDER BOTH TO CONVEY TO THEM THE SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPHS ONE AND TWO OF THE REFERENCE AND TO LEARN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED. ALL PARTIES EXPRESSED THEIR "GENERAL" SATISFACTION WITH THE "EXERCISE" AND WITH THE CONSENSUS LANGUAGE THAT FINALLY EMERGED.

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